

**MEETING SUMMARY
FERNALD NATURAL RESOURCE TRUSTEES
AUGUST 22, 2001
EM CONFERENCE ROOM**

1. The plan for interim restoration of the Southern Waste Units was discussed. The draft drawing outlining the plan for grading, installing erosion control matting, logs and willow stakes and planting of trees and shrubs was reviewed by the group. It was agreed that the NRTs would stay closely tuned to the progress of remediation work in the SWU through communication with Lee McDaniel and Eric Woods. In late September, when remediation work is largely complete, a tour of the area would be arranged to finalize plans for interim restoration of the area.
2. The Interim restoration plan for the Borrow Area was discussed. The current schedule shows Subareas 1A, 1B and 2 being complete and ready for interim restoration this fall. It was agreed that interim restoration would include the following steps:
 1. Deep Tilling/Disking,
 2. Spreading of wood chips and biological inoculant,
 3. Tilling wood chips and inoculant into the top two inches of the soil,
 4. Using seed drill to install the cover crop and prairie seed, and
 5. Broadcasting the forb seed on the surface.
3. The Final NRRP and Settlement was discussed and the following agreements were reached:
 - Implementation monitoring would occur for two years after each project is complete. Habitat functional monitoring would occur from the end of Implementation monitoring until the Site Completion Date currently scheduled for December 2009. It was agreed that any maintenance or management activity required in a restored area during either phase of monitoring would be carried out as determined appropriate by all the NRTs.
 - Two additional years of implementation monitoring would occur on the Silos Project and the Waste Pit/Production Area Projects to be completed in 2009. This monitoring would occur during the first two years of Stewardship and will be included in the Comprehensive Stewardship Plan.
 - A two-part proposal was made by DOE to the NRTs regarding Groundwater settlement. The first part was a \$5 Million cash settlement to the NRTs for Groundwater Education to resolve Groundwater Injury issues. This was accepted by the NRTs. A second part of the proposal included the agreement that DOE would construct a facility on the FEMP that DOE would use in the near term and then could be converted for the Groundwater Education Project and other Stewardship needs. The facility would be turned over to the State of Ohio for whatever use they determined appropriate in exchange for the State of Ohio maintaining the restored areas of the FEMP.
 - It was agreed that the "Facility for Stewardship" proposal would be considered by the OEPA and discussed further. The NRTs did agree that the payment of the \$5 Million and a commitment to pursue a facility on the FEMP, for future use as an educational center, would be acceptable to reach final settlement of natural resource issues.

- The NRTs discussed the use of a 20-year recovery timeframe in the HEA portion of the NRIA and NRRP and whether that constituted a commitment to long-term monitoring and management of restored areas of the FEMP. The NRTs agreed that the requirements for managing the restored areas of the FEMP after the Site Completion Date (beyond the previously mentioned 2-years of implementation monitoring) would be considered as part of Stewardship Planning. The NRRP and Settlement Agreement(s) would reference the Stewardship Plan regarding the future management of restored areas of the FEMP.
 - It was agreed that no work would occur in Paddys Run beyond the projects planned to increase floodplain in the stream. It was agreed that the benefits of using check dams to divert additional flood water into the SWU to speed groundwater remediation would be discussed with the Aquifer Restoration Group. If it was determined that it would benefit the Aquifer Remediation process, installation of check dams may be considered.
 - Public Use of the FEMP was discussed in detail by the NRTs. The NRTs agreed that the public use decision should be separate from the natural resource settlement. The NRTs did agree to include statements in the NRTs expressing support for public use (including trails) and outlining the restrictions they would require regarding future use of the FEMP. The specific decision regarding future use of the FEMP will not be part of the natural resource settlement for the FEMP. It was agreed that restoration projects would be designed to accommodate the installation of future trails, if they are considered appropriate. It was also agreed that the NRRP would reference the Public Use Master Plan EA and would contain the date for submittal of the EA to Stakeholders.
4. The Fernald NRT Representatives exchanged signed copies of the Memorandum of Understanding for Natural Resource Restoration Plan. It was agreed that all parties would focus efforts on the Final Settlement including finalizing the NRRP and the Settlement Agreements.
5. The mortality data and proposed replanting strategy for Area 8, Phase II was presented and discussed by the group. All parties agreed with the general replanting strategy and more detail would be included in a monitoring and replanting report to be submitted later in the calendar year.